

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the paragraph starting at page 1, line 1 of the specification and insert therefore:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application filed on Oct. 19, 2001, Lyon & Lyon Docket No. 268/269 (serial number not yet assigned) entitled "DETECTION OF ANTIBODY-MEDIATED INFLAMMATORY AUTO-IMMUNE DISORDERS," which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/684,601, filed on Oct. 6, 2000, and entitled "~~DETECTION OF ANTIBODY-MEDIATED INFLAMMATORY AUTO-IMMUNE DISORDERS~~" of U.S. application Serial No. 10/046,651 filed on Oct. 19, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,936,426, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/1684,601, filed on Oct. 6, 2000 now abandoned.